

THE DECLARATIONS

FIRST READING

A reading from Ecclesiastes 4:8-12 by Shirley Devereux

There was a man all alone;
he had neither son nor brother.
There was no end to his toil,
yet his eyes were not content with his wealth.
“For whom am I toiling,” he asked,
“and why am I depriving myself of enjoyment?”
This too is meaningless—
a miserable business!
Two are better than one,
because they have a good return for their labor:
If either of them falls down,
one can help the other up.
But pity anyone who falls
and has no one to help them up.
Also, if two lie down together, they will keep warm.
But how can one keep warm alone?
Though one may be overpowered,
two can defend themselves.
A cord of three strands is not quickly broken.

SECOND READING

'Here's to right now' (Ms Moem) by Michele Tait

You're surrounded by your loved ones
And all are wishing you well,
As you create a brand new chapter
In the story that's yours to tell.

We talk about the memories
You have yet to make together
And the moments you've already shared
To be carried with you forever.

But take the time to live today
As your marriage begins,
Look around and soak it up;
the moment we are in.

For this is where the magic starts
When you both say your vows.
You pledge to spend your lives as one
Because of the love you feel now.

So yes, here's to a future
that is bright and warm and clear.
But more than that, here's to right now
And what it means to be here.

THE SERMON

THE VOWS & GIVING OF RINGS

THE BLESSING OF THE MARRIAGE

REGISTRATION OF THE MARRIAGE

PRAYERS

HYMN - SHINE JESUS SHINE

Lord, the light of your love is shining
In the midst of the darkness, shining
Jesus, Light of the world, shine upon us
Set us free by the truth you now bring us
Shine on me, shine on me

Shine, Jesus, shine
Fill this land with the Father's glory
Blaze, Spirit, blaze
Set our hearts on fire
Flow, river, flow
Flood the nations with grace and mercy
Send forth your word
Lord, and let there be light

Lord, I come to your awesome presence
From the shadows into your radiance
By the blood I may enter your brightness
Search me, try me, consume all my darkness
Shine on me, shine on me

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As we gaze on your kingly brightness
So our faces display your likeness
Ever changing from glory to glory
Mirrored here may our lives tell your story

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(REPEAT CHORUS)